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Park Street, Jan. 31st
1852.

My dear Mrs. Chapman

It is pleasant to me ^{to} date

a letter to you on this day, as it
enables me, thus early in the
opening year, to express to you
my wishes that every desirable
blessing may accompany you
& all you love, to its close. At
my age, & with my weak health,
the uncertainty of my witnessing
its termination cannot fail to
present itself strongly to my mind.
But under the full conviction that
I shall be summoned from this
52 "transitory scene" at the time, & in

the manner best for me, I
look forward to the future with
no painful anxiety.

But I had not intention of morn-
ing; - the date produced the thought.
I was going to thank you for your
note of the 27th which, though you
spoke of it as valueless, was very
acceptable & interesting.

The present condition of France
is really affecting, & in what direction
are we to look for any improve-
ment? There is in the Times of
Dec: 20 a long letter signed "an English-
man" giving an interesting history
of the state of France, & the various
political parties at this time.
he says that much ignorance
prevails in this country as to

the importance & consistency of
the Republican section.

Our friend Mr. Potter (the bearer
I hope of this to you) leaves Bristol
to-morrow for London where
he remains a day or two be-
fore going on to Paris -- I have
asked him to call with the
packet, as it is not unlikely
you might be glad to converse
with him. He has been a Ma-
nager of Sugar Estates in the
West Indies for 30 or more years,
& when we were in the W. Indies
he lived entirely among the Negroes,
with no white neighbors near
him. He is an excellent practical
Planter & fully conversant with

the character & condition of the
colored population in St. Vincent,
Grenada & some other islands.

I know not if Mary or Mrs
Mitchell has mentioned that
we have had the Medallion frame
and it is mounted upon the
back part of our side-board, where
it occupies a very appropriate
situation as regards the arrange-
ments of the room, & where the
light falls favorably upon
it? It is as ornamental
to the dining-room as it is
pleasant to us to have ^{it} so
much in our view.

Mr. L. Chapman can hear one of

of the costs, & is waiting to see
how our taste in the framing
pleases him. We had much
consultation with our ally Mr.
Agnew about it. It lies upon rus-
sle velvet, is glazed, & the outside
frame is of walnut: we are
much pleased with the success
of our deliberations.

Yesterday I sent 2 M. Advertiser
one to Place Vendôme, the other
to Messrs. Greene. Another
will be posted to night.

I hope you received the letter
to Miss Watson we despatched
yesterday to Messrs. Greene?

I read ^{night} Lord's Republic & studied
speech at the dinner at N. York
53 given him by the Editors: whether

is to do, to be, to say in
America is to me a most inter-
esting problem. Upon this wholly,
I think he must do good there,
even should he not hold his
high standard of Liberty as
high as we wish him to.

The very discussion of the posi-
tion he may, or ought to occu-
py, must call out thoughts
in the right direction.

But I have nothing to write
worth your reading. I did not
take a packet to go to you with -
but a word of friendly greeting
from your Affectionate
J. Phillips

Mr. Michell has come to
ask me for some lines to copy
for Miss Weston. - I am much
ashamed of them now, whatever
I may have thought of them 40
years ago. - I am sure they were
not worth preserving until now.

